

Jonnah Lee, 14
Velva Public School
Velva, ND 58790
Teacher: Candy Lemer

What Does Agriculture Mean to You?

To me agriculture is my dad's job, my grandpa's job, and my summer job. However, if you ask my Dad he would not describe it as a job. In my dad's opinion, it is a lifestyle, the perfect combination of everything he likes to do, and at the same time, he provides for all the needs of our family. To my grandfather, it is something he grew up doing, and will do until the day he physically can't. And for me, I get a summer job. There is nothing better than a job that shows me hard work, teaches me the ways of life, and shows me the true beauty of nature.

Agriculture can mean almost anything. To me and my family, agriculture means early spring mornings of planting crops and late fall nights of harvest. Depending on the time of the day it can also mean fixing an engine, delivering a newborn calf, or sweeping up the shop floor.

Feeding the whole wide world all starts in my backyard. You plant a little seed. You add a little love and care to the little seeds and it goes places, like foreign places. Agriculture is a love of the land, caring for the soil, animals, and crops. It is a passion, a livelihood, a family tradition, and our way of life.